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Applicant: Benincosa, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/831,652

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Sir:

The following response is provided to the election/restriction requirement issued on September 19, 2002 setting a thirty (30) day shortened statutory period for reply. A request for a five (5) month extension of time, through March 19, 2003, along with a request to deduct appropriate fees, is also included. In the event that such request becomes separated from this paper, authorization is hereby granted to charge any necessary fees under 37 C.F.R. §1.17 to Deposit Account 19-2570.

The Examiner has divided this application into three (3) species, as follows:

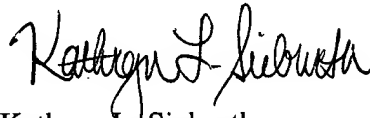
Species I: - claim(s) 1-15, drawn to a method for the treatment of Type 2 diabetes mellitus;

Species II: - claims 16-20, drawn to pharmaceutical compositions; and

Species III: - claim 21, drawn to an analytical procedure.

Applicants elect Species I, claims 1-15 for prosecution in the subject application.

Respectfully submitted,



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